

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An image forming~~ A laminating apparatus comprising:

~~lamine~~ object conveying means for conveying ~~an object to be~~ laminated, i.e., a ~~lamine~~ a laminating object;

drying means for drying the laminating object conveyed by said
conveying means;

lamine means for effecting lamine processing on the ~~lamine~~ laminating object dried by said drying means; and

~~drying means for drying the lamine object before the lamine object~~
~~is laminated by said lamine means; and~~

control means for ~~changing~~ controlling a temperature of said drying means ~~between before and when the lamine object is conveyed to~~ so that the temperature of said drying means is adjusted to a predetermined temperature T1 before the laminating object arrives at said drying means and so that the temperature of said drying means is adjusted to a predetermined temperature T2 greater than the temperature T1 when the laminating object is being dried by said drying means.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An image forming~~ A laminating apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said drying means includes an upper drying roller for contacting

with a surface, to be subjected to the laminate processing, of the ~~laminate~~ laminating object, and a lower drying roller for contacting ~~with~~ a back surface of the ~~laminate~~ laminating object, and said upper laminating roller has a heater.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An image forming~~ A laminating apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein, before said lower drying roller is rotated by one revolution after the temperature is changed by said heater, the ~~laminate~~ laminating object is conveyed to a nip between said upper drying roller and said lower drying roller.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An image forming~~ A laminating apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said laminate means ~~including~~ includes a heat transferring head disposed at a side of a surface, to be subjected to the laminate processing, of the ~~laminate~~ laminating object, and a roller disposed at a side of a back surface of the ~~laminate~~ laminating object.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~An image forming~~ A laminating apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said heat transferring head has an electrothermal converter.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An image forming~~ A laminating apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein ~~laminate~~ the laminating object is a recording medium on which an image was formed by discharging ink from ~~according~~ a recording head.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An image forming~~ A recording apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said recording head has an electrothermal converter for generating thermal energy utilized in discharging of the ink.